



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## Here, There and Elsewhere With the Assistant General Overseer

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LOUISIANA

Immediately after the last General Assembly, Brother J. H. Walker and I began the work of planning my visits to the different states, their conventions, etc. Invitations from many of the state overseers soon revealed that there was much to do, so our problem was to figure out dates suitable to these respective overseers. Since practically all Church of God ministers are congenial and agreeable we were able to make some changes in dates which some of them had suggested, to which they agreed, thus making it easy for us to begin our year's work, which started off with state ministers' conferences, the first of which was that of Ohio. In the Ohio conference I enjoyed one of the best that I had ever attended, for Brother Stephens and the faithful ministers worked hard and untiringly in shaping and adopting a progressive program. However, they were not alone in their efforts for the presence of the Holy Ghost was with them and set His seal on their efforts. He was there to make it easy to sing and pray as well as to inspire in the preaching. The remark was made that this was truly a Holy-Ghost-directed conference, and all who were present agreed with the statement. From Ohio we were off to

### FLORIDA

I had the privilege of making this trip with Brother and Sister Stark who were on a missionary lecture tour while arrangements were being completed for

their departure to Africa where they are soon to enter the mission field. This conference was not only a well balanced business meeting but was also a feast of spiritual blessings to all who attended. Brother E. M. Ellis, present overseer, and Brother E. W. Williams, former overseer, were present, also a majority of the ministers of the state, working and praying to one end, and that certainly was a blessed one—the furtherance of the gospel and the progress of the Church in Florida. Florida has taken the initiative in so many of the Church's activities in the past until we could expect nothing short of great things from such a faithful, loyal body of workers. My next stop was in

### SOUTH CAROLINA

I will try to be modest in my expressions about this wonderful conference lest it appear that I am partial, but only those who are acquainted with the South Carolina ministers understand what a fine band of loyal, sacrificing, progressive, hard working lot they are. Brother A. V. Beaube has the co-operation of the entire ministerial body, if my discernment is correct. The Holy Ghost did not pass this conference by but was in it from the first prayer to the closing exercise. Time being limited we loaded in our car bound for

It was at Shepherd's Fold where the first conference was held and while they are not as many in numbers as some other states, yet when it comes to loyalty they enjoy a place in the front ranks. It is not as easy to put the Church's program over in Louisiana as it is in some states but when the roll is called at General Assembly we will see results that will possibly cause much favorable comment. The North Louisiana convention was held at Dunn. Even though I have visited Dunn at other times, yet this was the most glorious of all visits for the conference was one continual round of good things. The ministry and laity pledged their loyalty to Brother Cox and we know what his attitude will be toward them. It was in

### ARKANSAS

That the very heavens seemed to open up with the first song. Brother Smith with his old-fashioned holiness war-whoop, the LeFevre trio, and the faithful worthies of Arkansas, all had a part in making this one of the most blessed conferences of the season. Any one who attended could say truly this was a Church of God ministers' conference, for every department of the Church came for consideration. Brother Smith is appreciated by the people of Arkansas and he is proving his love for them by the way he is serving them. From the table-

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## Notices

The district convention for the Matewan, W. Va. district will convene at the North Matewan Church of God, April 1-3. Brother E. C. Clark, our state overseer, will be in charge of the convention. We invite all the adjoining districts to be with us. There will be all-day service Sunday with dinner on the ground. Everyone is welcome.—Ray T. Hill, district overseer and pastor, Box 7, North Matewan, W. Va.

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To the Y. P. E's on the Eastern, Ky. district: I've been informed by Brother L. S. Cooper, state Y. P. E. superintendent, that it would be in order to have our district convention in June. The exact date I will publish later. Neighboring districts of Kentucky, come, you are welcome. This welcome also goes to West Virginia, our border state — Mingo, Wayne, and Logan districts, come, and pray for our success.—Yours truly, John H. Adair, Y. P. E. president of Eastern, Ky. district.

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The district convention for the Kannapolis, N. C. district will convene at Kannapolis, N. C., March 18-20. E. W. Williams, state overseer, will be in charge. All ministers and members are expected to be present at all services. Bring a well-filled basket for the Sunday dinner. Free entertainment as far as possible.—U. D. Tidwell, pastor. (Note: This was received too late for last issue.)

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The state Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention for South Carolina will be held April 8-10 at Rock Hill, S. C.—Robert Johnson, 623 E. Orr St., Anderson, S. C.

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This is to certify that Mrs. Jesse Warren, 148 N. 18th St., Paris, Tex. is the present clerk of the Paris, Tex. church.—General Secretary.

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To the church clerks in the state of Mississippi: Some have been sending stamps to me for missions. Please don't do this because the post office won't take them back. Always buy a money order or send cash. Also state what the money is for. If you are sending five per cent missions, always state it that way, or if you are sending it on the \$1.00 per member drive, state that in your information. Some of the clerks send money and don't give the name of the church, so state the name of the church and what the money is for. I can only keep my records from what you send me and the books will

show it just as it comes to me.—Faithfully, Horace Taylor, state treasurer, Morgantown, Miss.

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The Lenoir, N. C. district convention will convene at Lenoir, N. C., March 25-27. The first service will begin Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. All who can come are invited, especially ministers, deacons and clerks. We ask all the churches that can to bring well-filled baskets of eats as dinner will be served on the ground Sunday. Please pray for the success of this convention.—W. M. Stallings, district pastor, Box 103, Lenoir, N. C.

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The Jasper, Fla. district convention will convene at the Jasper Church of God, beginning 2:30 p. m. Saturday, April 2 and continuing through Sunday, April 3. Brother E. M. Ellis will be present to preside in his usual good way. An invitation is extended to all to come and especially the other nine churches on this district. Please come with a one hundred per cent report to be presented to the convention; namely, state assessments, remuneration for the state treasurer, subscriptions for the Evangel and State News, and last but not least Assembly assessment for the aged ministers and a heavy offering for missions. There are some big-hearted folks at Jasper but they will be unable to feed all the folks from three different counties so bring along a nice basket of eats to help out the dinner.—D. J. Cupp, district pastor.

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The Ft. Payne, Ala. district convention will convene at the Strait Creek Church of God on Sand Mountain the first Saturday and Sunday in April. Service will begin each morning at 10:00 o'clock. Dinner will be spread at the church Sunday, April 3. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket. Brother H. L. Whittington, state overseer, will be in charge.—D. B. Smith, pastor, Rt. 2, Fyffe, Ala.

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Anyone knowing the address of Brother Turner Hall, please notify me at once.—Ballard Ellis, Box 86, Mt. Gay, W. Va.

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Dear saints, I have had the baptism for about two years. The Lord has called me to preach the gospel. I am a member of the Church of God at Copperhill, Tenn. Brother Bell, our pastor, is conducting the revival and I am doing some of the preaching. I am willing to go anywhere and preach and suffer for Jesus. I am single and can go anywhere. I haven't a job but am trusting the Lord. Pray for me.—Homer Y. Miolen, Copperhill, Tenn.

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I have many song ballads printed by

the Church of God Publishing House. I owe the printing charge for these. I am composer of these two songs, the titles of which are "The Church I Love," and "Going Home." You, who desire to make a few extra dollars, can do so by securing several hundred of each kind of these ballads. Just put money or money order in envelope and send to my address and your ballads will be mailed right out. These songs have proved a great blessing to many. The title and tune the song is sung in is at the top of ballad. You Christian workers, evangelists and all should write for a few hundred songs now. Price is as follows: \$3.75 per 100, either of one kind or assorted. You can make a profit of \$6.25 per hundred, if you sell them for 10c each, or \$3.75 profit if you sell two songs for 15c. Let me hear from you now.—Faithfully, W. Haskell Compton, evangelist.

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To whom it may concern: The Church of God at Memphis, Tenn. has changed clerks. The former clerk was L. L. Etheridge, 1152 Holmes Ave., the new clerk is Stanley Prescott, 3232 Given Ave., Memphis, Tenn.—Stanley Prescott.

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### TENT FOR SALE

One 60x90 tent, poles, curtains, seats, platform, lights, light wire, bulbs, switch box, and several small signs to put up in tent. This tent top alone cost \$749.50. Only about five meetings have been held in it, and it was used only two seasons. The top has been treated. A good tent for state conventions and camp meetings. Supposed to seat over 1,000 people. I will sell the whole outfit for \$295.00, cash. If interested write, wire or phone W. T. Nelson, 1018 State St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga., Phone, Hemlock 1353-J.

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The Overton, Tex. district convention will convene April 22-24 at the Selman City church. You have a cordial invitation to attend. We will do our best to take care of you and make things as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. We are expecting the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be here to give us a great spiritual feast.—Humbly, E. M. Smith, Overton, Tex., Rt. 1, Box 35.

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We are in a wonderful revival here at Iowa Park, Tex. We are in the third week of the revival with Sister Mitchell doing the preaching. Pray that we will gain many more souls.—C. F. Meador, pastor, Box 106, Iowa Park, Tex.

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We will have a home coming at the Church of God, Fox, Va., the first Sunday in April. We will have all-day service. Everybody is invited. We request the

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# Is it Well With the Child?

D. L. LEMONS

*NOTE: This article is prepared to stimulate interest in the Sunday School, not as a social order but as a religious educational institution.*

Christian, is it well with **THY** child? Can you answer as did the Shunamite woman, "It is well." 2 Kings 4:12. This she spoke of her son who was dead, but, the important question now is, Is it well with your children today?

In this city of about one hundred thousand population, tonight as I visited the house of prayer I found comparatively few young people but as I went to and from the place of worship I noticed that the taverns, road houses, etc. were well patronized. This may be the case in your vicinity. The question is being asked, "What is to become of the younger generation?" This question calls for another, "What am I doing to affect the future of our young people?"

Some would have us believe that the many schools and young people's orders of the world are serving to elevate and bring youth to the high ideal of Christian living that Christ set forth. **MAYBE!** When such is suggested I think of these lines in the old Battle Hymn, "Is this vile world a friend of grace to help me on to God?" Parents, the social economy of this world is no stimulant to Christian living and you can not afford to trust these modern orders to mold religion into the character of your boy or girl. Rom. 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world," etc.

In a recent convention the question of discussion was, "What can be done to curb the vices of high school students?" Some suggested better living conditions, others doctors' observation, etc., but one said the students needed to hear the preaching of the old-time gospel. The moderator agreed that this was exactly right but where could it be heard for the churches had gotten away from it long ago. Sad but true!

It is blood-curdling to think of the wickedness that abounds among the young. Tobacco and beers are no longer (to the world) questionable practices but fashionable. The youngsters call them tame. They want something strong and now they have their licensed liquors in Christian America.

Still a more horrible vice is that of the Killer Drug that is smoked like tobacco. It has been found in cliques of different high schools. Only those boys and girls who are in the clique know where

to obtain the drug. At the appointed time and in their secret dens these Killer Drug users meet to smoke away their troubles, feel rich, and indulge in the vices of Sodom. Worse yet, if they continue to use this their conscience and mind is blighted with a thirst for blood. This may be taking place in your neighborhood.

In this world where the gods of war are on a stampede, where sin with its dazzling allurements are at high carnival, where selfish men with their various forms of Christless governments are jeopardizing the lives and property of all, yes, in this world where you must fight to keep the victory, I ask, "Is it well with the child?"

The world is talking security for various causes. Let us talk security for the young in our charge. Adults can not stick constantly by the side of the young with a thousand **DON'TS** but they can give them the one weapon of defence, **THE GOSPEL**. Modernists say that the story of the blood is repulsive to the young. It may be to some but praise be to God it is a sure cure for sin to them that believe. I am glad that we can face a world of uncertainty with a heaven bonded security given through the gospel.

To the point—

Since we are directly responsible for the young in our charge what can we do about it?

Answer, Give them the gospel.

How? By evangelism and by religious education.

One is important to the other. Religious education does not in any way detract from evangelism but completes it. "Go ye therefore and **TEACH** all nations," Matt. 28:19.

Finally, pastors, teachers, parents, and workers, let us avail ourselves of this sacred opportunity to save the day for youth through the Sunday School, not as a (any old way) social order but as an efficient, religious, educational institution. Teach them the gospel and pray that they will choose the gospel. Let us do our part to save them now before the enemy of their souls gets the best part of their lives or maybe gets them for eternity.

Let us not be satisfied until Paul's statement to Timothy be true in the case of our Church of God young people, "From a child thou hast **KNOWN** the **HOLY SCRIPTURES**," etc., 2 Tim. 3: 15.

## Expect to Go All the Way

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** — Dear friends, I praise the Lord for what He is doing for me. I can stand up on my feet and take a few steps by someone holding my hand. I know God is able to straighten my crooked ankle. I received two or three letters this week from the dear saints. I am so happy in the Lord. Please keep praying for me. I expect to work for my blessed Lord.

I am a widow, with no kinfolks in this country. I am a Jew, saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. Bless His sweet name. I expect to go all the way with my Lord. God, bless the Church of God everywhere.—Mrs. Ada Schray, 119 10th St.

## Encouraged!

Dear brothers and sisters, I thank you so much and appreciate your encouraging letters. I received so many that it seemed it was impossible for me to answer them, so I decided to thank you in some way. How much good they did! I have a greater determination than ever before to go forward for God, for I know you will stand behind me with your prayers. It's hard sometimes but the sun will shine for me after while while lingering in this old unfriendly world, but still remember to pray for me.—Yours in the Master's service, Miss Clara Cross, Rt. 1, Iron City, Ga.

## Praise Him For Keeping Power

**SAREPTA, Miss.**—Dear readers, I thank and praise God for the fire I feel burning in my soul, for that precious Holy Ghost that is keeping me. Praise His wonderful name. I was called to preach His gospel to lost souls about seven months ago and He has placed me in a place where there is plenty need of it. There are just two families here who believe and two with the Holy Ghost. Pray that God might lead in everything and that souls will accept Him before it is too late, for I feel the time is near at hand and the work must be done.—Mrs. J. W. Busby, Rt. 1.

## Revival

**PILGRIM REST, Miss.**—We praise God for a wonderful revival we had here with our pastor, Brother L. A. Harville, doing the preaching. Three were filled with the Holy Ghost and several went to the altar. This revival meant much to the people here. Brother Harville is a good preacher and is doing a great work in our church. Pray for us to be on fire for God and win precious souls for Him.—Normie E. Ellis, clerk, Doddsville, Miss., Rt. 1.



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honest souls have stumbled. In search for this wonderful blessing of sanctification and a deep consideration of what it really consists of, and in watching the lives of those who profess this blessing, there are many things to discourage the earnest seeker and turn many honest hearts away from its possibility. Some put the mark too low and others put it too high. If you would hit a mark you must know where the mark is. Some aim at Christian perfection. They shoot above the mark and claim for its angelical perfection. Others place the mark as much too low. In many cases those who are dealing with this question have never attained to the good experience of being born again.

We place the mark too high when we make it to consist of perfection of conduct. While human ideals of perfection leave no margin for innocent mistakes and unavoidable errors, divine ideals allow many to exist in connection with perfect love. A perfectly faultless being according to human judgment was never found among men. No person has yet lived of whom serious complaint was not made by someone, not even the man Christ Jesus. In Him was no sin. He was holy, harmless, undefiled, separated from sinners. In Him was no guile. This is the divine estimate of the Man. But it is not the judgment formed and expressed with regard to His conduct by many among whom He lived, to whom He preached, and for whom He labored and died. They said, He hath a devil and is mad; He casts out devils by the prince of devils. They called Him a winebibber, Sabbath breaker, disloyal to the government and ought to die. Surely if they called the Master of the house Beelzebub we may expect that they will say some unhandsome things of His household.

Job is a case in point. God declared that Job was a perfect man and asked Satan if he had considered that fact. Judging from the conduct of Satan it is fair to infer that he responded in the negative. He insists that Job served God for selfish motives and if the things with which Job had been hedged about were removed, he would cease to give evidence to that perfection that had been attributed to him. Permission was given to strip Job of every earthly good, his houses, flocks, herds, servants, and children were all destroyed. Job surviving the utter desolation exclaimed the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Finally Job's integrity is vindicated in the declaration, "In all this Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly."

Human estimation of perfection differ, it seems, from the divine. Men judge  
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## ✻ Editorials ✻

### Sanctification

I have decided to write for several weeks on sanctification since quite a few have asked me to do this. I have received several letters recently wanting to know the difference in being born again and being sanctified. In order to have a better understanding of what sanctification really is we will talk a little about the new birth.

In John 3:3-14 Jesus makes it plain to Nicodemus that a man must be born again. Then we take it for granted that when a man is born again he becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus, old things pass away and all things become new. 2 Cor. 5:17. When we are born again we pass from nature's darkness into the light and liberty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All true Christians are more familiar with the new birth than they are sanctification. The first thing in the Christian life is repentance and acceptance of God's dear Son as our Savior and by faith through His sacrifice we become new creatures. We hope this is sufficient to distinguish between the new birth and sanctification, or to show that the new birth is not sanctification.

We notice that the majority of the holiness movements are drifting into the idea that we are saved and then filled with the Holy Ghost. We feel that certainly is a step in the wrong direction because in a way it is denying the blood to sanctify. Some claim that they receive what is known as the finished work of Calvary. They claim that when the blood is applied for justification or being born again that they receive at the same time cleansing or sanctification. This may be true, in a sense, but we do know that people are actually saved from their sins or born again before they are sanctified. Jesus took the natural birth to explain the spiritual birth and we take the stand that no child is cleansed before he is born. The Christian life must begin in a

new birth.

The inquiry comes from thousands of burdened hearts all through the Church, What degree of piety is needed to insure acceptance with God? We ask, What is the believer's privilege under grace? To what extent have we the promise of being saved in this life? So in order to get an answer we must search the Holy Scriptures. It is also well to take the experiences of pioneer Christians. We are sure that we can have entire deliverance not only from our transgressions but from sin. If no such experience as entire deliverance has ever been experienced by Christians, then we would not be warranted for seeking entire sanctification.

Heb. 7:25, "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." The term "uttermost" in this scripture signifies to the furthest extent, to the greatest degree, to the most distant point. It is believed by some that the term "uttermost" has reference more to duration than to completeness. This view is sustained in the marginal reading "evermore." But the most able expositors believe that this has reference to completeness, so then we believe that the marginal reading is misleading and we take the view that it does have reference to completeness. The thought that some present is that He is ever able to save or able to save forever. But this is not the meaning of this scripture. It is true that Jesus has power to save or keep but this scripture has reference to completeness and not to duration. So we feel that the word "evermore" should be "completely." In fact, no word so fully expresses the definite work of sanctification as Heb. 7:25, and it seems then that ample provision has been made for our complete salvation. The only thing that is needed to secure such a deliverance is to come to God by Christ.

Before defining the doctrine of sanctification we wish to guard the readers against several errors over which many

# The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

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## What We May Expect Jesus to Do for Us

Jesus is the Savior of the world. He is "the way of life" to all men. Multitudes followed Him and listened to Him when He was on earth, and multitudes still believe on Him and put their trust in Him.

But Jesus is the personal individual Savior of men. He is your Savior. He is mine. Every individual may have Him as his very own.

Then as our very own Savior, what may we expect Him to do for us?

1. Jesus died for our sins, and we should actually feel that He does save us from them. This is a fact, essential, practical, and is experimental with every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. We should expect that He saves us now and every moment of every day as we journey on.

2. We should expect that He gives us the "peace of God." Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you," and no individual believer in Christ should expect to live one day, one hour, no, not a moment, without that peace. This is a heritage that every child of God should appreciate very highly.

3. We should expect Him to give us power to live the victorious life. Through Christ we should have grace to overcome every evil tendency of our heart and life. And we should expect to be able to overcome every thing without as well as everything within ourselves.

4. We should expect Him to supply our every need, as we follow Him faithfully each day of our heavenly pilgrimage. Phil. 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This scripture and many others cover all the ground that the Christian has to traverse in this world. Think what it means for the Lord to supply our every need for soul and body. That is a wonderful promise indeed. Every Christian has a right to expect its fulfillment.

5. We should expect Him to give us a clear conscience, that is void of offence to God and man. That means no condemnation, no doubts, no clouds, but a clear, open outlook between us and heaven, and this He does for all who are true to Him. If our sky is darkened and our view of Jesus obscured, it is because of our own wrong spirit, unbelief, evil thoughts, words or acts.

6. We should expect the Lord Jesus to

heal our bodies, and give us strength as our duties and service in life may demand. For this He has given special promises. He bore our sicknesses on the cross and has left express directions how, through prayer, laying on of hands, the anointing of oil, etc., we may be healed. We have a right to expect Him to heal us whenever we need healing.

7. We should expect Jesus to give us power to win souls and that He will lead us out and teach us how to reach the lost and bring them to repentance. And this, we believe He desires to do for every one who will live a life fully given up to Him. He said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Notice He said, "I will make you fishers of men." We believe there is no service that we can render that will please the Lord so well as for us to bring others to Him.

## Young People's Corner

### What is Expected of a Christian

While we are thinking of what we want God to do for us and what we may expect Him to do for us, we should not forget the obligations that are upon us—what we ought to do. If we fail on our part, we spoil it all.

Here's the world full of sinners, then the other Christians, Satan, the angels, and God, all looking at us. To know what they all think about us and expect of us is interesting, to say the least of it.

1. The unsaved about us expect us to live according to our profession. If we do not, they hiss at us and mock us. A man who professes one thing and lives another is inconsistent, in fact, his conduct gives the lie to his lips and he is despised and looked down on everywhere he goes. So the greatest enemy to the Church is the false professor, the hypocrite.

2. And can we not say that Satan expects the same of us? If he did not, why would he fight God's servants so hard? Why would he use his best wits to overthrow their plans? He knew that Job feared God. He was not pleased with Job's course and must hinder him if possible. He knew that the course Moses was taking would be against him, and he resisted him. David, too, must be hindered in his career; it served God's great plans

and not Satan's. And so Satan knew what God's people would do in a later day and until today, and he doubtless expects God's true people to fight him to the end, so this explains his attitude to them.

3. Other Christians expect Christian fellowship and courtesy from us. They have a right to. Jesus prayed that His followers all might "be one." Paul exhorted the Christians to "love one another." "Love of the brethren" is an essential quality in the Christian's make-up. It is not to be wondered at that most professed Christians show so many defects on all other lines when this essential quality is so scarce. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35. Fellowship is this love in action between preachers, workers and members of all grades. It is one of the great essentials in the Church.

4. Evidently the angels expect God's people on earth to carry forth to completion this earthly program. They were interested in the activities of Israel, and then had an important place in the coming of Jesus to earth, and according to the Scriptures they have a very important part in the closing scenes of the dispensations. They are looking on and expecting God's people to be true to the end.

5. When we think of what God has invested in the redemption of the world, it is easy to imagine that He is expecting great returns from the people He has made His own. While God will get praise from His people throughout eternity, there are some things He expects of us now.

### HE EXPECTS US TO HAVE FAITH IN HIM

Jesus seemed surprised and disappointed when He said to His disciples, "Where is your faith?" Luke 8:25. And again, "How is it that ye have no faith?" Mark 4:40. And yet again, "O ye of little faith!" Matt. 6:30. The Lord expects you, He expects me, to have faith in Him.

### HE EXPECTS US TO LOVE HIM

This is the first of God's commandments. A thousand things about us bid for our love, but God looks to us that we shall pass everything else by and put Him first and love Him with all our hearts.

### HE EXPECTS US TO PRAISE HIM

Every blessing that God bestows upon us from the forgiveness of sins on up to the highest revelation of His glory in us is a cause for us to praise Him. He expects us to praise Him for all that He is to us and for all that He does for us and in us.

It should be a most grievous thing to us that we have a wish or desire which is contrary to the mind of Jesus.

## News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

### My Visit to Travancore, India

Having met our dear Brother and Sister Cook while in Ootacamund during the hot season, we had the great joy of sweet and blessed fellowship, which terminated in an invitation to minister at their August convention in Chengannur. May I say before I proceed to give details of the wonderful work accomplished by God's grace and the precious ministries of Brother and Sister Cook, that all our expectations were not only fulfilled but exceeded. Hallelujah! I am sure that such results and the fruit that now remains to the praise of our blessed Redeemer is an evident token of faithful service and much persistent and prevailing prayer.

Arriving in Chengannur after a 200-mile journey, we were kindly and courteously received by our brother and sister, by a bright and happy group of Bible students, and by our beloved Indian pastors and evangelists. The fragrant presence of the Lord and the unction of the Spirit seemed to be upon everything, the sense and sound of a coming wave of glory filled our souls.

We discovered that a full program had been arranged for us and the next day we held our first meeting in a village close by called Malakara. A crowd of people quickly gathered; it was wonderful to see them squatting upon the floor anywhere and everywhere. All discomfort was swallowed up by an earnest longing desire to hear the Word. In much liberty and joy of the Holy Ghost the meeting was conducted and concluded and after laying hands on the mother of my own evangelist she was instantaneously and completely delivered from the effect of a snake bite in the throat. Praise the Lord! Jesus hath done all things well. He still maketh the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

The next day we were in Chengannur where a great crowd gathered. I estimated the number to be about 500. This meeting was almost beyond my power to describe. It lasted for five hours, and after a short interval for food continued until one o'clock the following morning. What singing! What holy joy! What heavenly rapture as the Holy Ghost took of the things of Jesus and revealed them unto us! Out of God's treasure came things new and old! Hallelujah! We were indeed carried to realms of glory by the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit and oneness of the people both in heart and mind. Oh, how shall not the minis-

tration of the Spirit be rather glorious?

*"The Savior is crowned, and the flesh is drowned,  
Swallowed up in God, the glory rolls down."*

If here it is so blessed, what will it be up there? To gather in such a meeting as this is a great comfort and abundant reward for the missionaries who bravely endure hardships and dangers, tears and trials, disappointments and difficulties. To see this lively company of India's sons and daughters saved, sanctified and filled with the Spirit, not only re-inspires the heart of the tired missionary, but provokes the loving co-operation and prayers of all our dear homeland saints, and is worthy of full and whole-hearted support.

A most pleasing feature of the work is the fervent zeal and holy aspirations of the Bible students, and best of all they surely do know how to pray, not in vain repetition but in the power of the blessed Spirit; they not only live for God, but with God; and I am sure that here is the secret of success, continuing in earnest prayer and supplication until the forces of hell yield their ground and the fetters of sin and superstitious beliefs are broken, praying until the power of the risen Christ is so manifested that devils and demons of every sort are made to fly. Hallelujah! I personally am provoked to repentance as I remember the constancy in the prevailing prayers of these students.

The following morning we left early for another out-station and here again we were met by a large crowd, their faces radiant with holy joy and eager to hear the Word of the Lord. Drums and tambourines, bells and clappers combined to make His praise glorious. Together we sang the everlasting song, and so great was the anointing among all that we almost felt we were around the sapphire throne with angels attending; the presence of the Man of Calvary was so real it was a real inspiration to see and to minister to such a sanctified host of the Lord's redeemed.

During the week we visited four more out-stations and found the work to be blessedly prospering. I declare that the majority of these precious people know how to dwell deep in God. The work of the Indian evangelists and pastors is deserving of the highest praise and surely is an evident token of the good training they have received at their headquarters in Chengannur.

I am writing this report after returning home to my own station, Pollachi in the Tamil country, and owing to many pressing duties one cannot go further into details regarding this most blessed work on behalf of the Church of God, but suffice it to say that after ten days of ministry and intimate touch and fellowship with these people, it was one of the most wonderful conventions I have attended.

Truly the Lord's benediction is upon this prospering work, and the possibilities for further enlargement are tremendous if only the men and means were forthcoming. I have joy in commending this work to you for your constant prevailing prayers and co-operation in all the many responsibilities and needs of this great Church.

Yours in His great grace,

PASTOR L. LIVESEY,

Pollachi, S. India.

Note: Brother Livesey and wife are missionaries of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland. While in the hills this last hot season, we got in close touch with them and they co-operated with us in our prayer meetings in our home, which were attended mostly by missionaries. When we saw how spiritual they were, we asked them to come and help us in our meetings in Travancore, especially in our New Year's meetings which come the middle of August in this Malayalam state. Surely it was the Lord's leading for them to come for they brought times of refreshing.—Bertha N. Cook.

### A Hopeless Case Healed

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio.—"A hopeless case," said the doctors. I was a total wreck. I was sent home from two hospitals. They said I had to die with cancer of the bladder.

My sister kept begging me to go with her to the Church of God until I went. The pastor preached about God's love for lost souls and I felt like I would like to give myself to Him, so the next night I went to the altar and God for Christ's sake saved my soul and I felt so good. A short time after that Brother Carter had a healing meeting and I went. Brother and Sister Carter anointed me with oil and prayed the prayer of faith and God came down, touched me with His power and healed my body of the cancer. I felt so good that I could not keep from shouting praises to Him to think that the cancer was healed.

The doctors told my husband that the cancer was as big as a pint tin and that I could live only two weeks at the most, but today I am stout and feel fine. Praise His name! I recommend the dear Lord in any case. — Frances Hover, 913 1-2 Tenth St.



## Bible School Echoes

### School Closing Notes

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Brother J. B. Ellis, the first superintendent in the history of the Bible Training School. Brother Ellis was superintendent of the school for a number of years. Through many a conflict he has pressed the battle and at the age of sixty-eight is still in active service. He will preach this sermon Sunday, March 27, at 11:00 a. m.

The commencement address just before the presentation of diplomas to the seniors will be delivered by Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer of North Carolina. Everyone is invited to attend these closing exercises.—Geo. H. Poteat.

### In Appreciation of Bible School

As I look back upon the past six months spent here in Bible School, I can scarcely find words to describe the different ways it has benefited me or the depth it has added to my experience. The average young person who takes life at all seriously earnestly desires to build life on that which is good and true. Many young people in attempting to do this find the forces and circumstances surrounding their lives almost overwhelming, and unless they can find something to tie their faith to, a definite good that will raise the tenor of their souls above that about them, they often go down in defeat and succumb to circumstance. We young people feel and know that we have found that that will truly save us from the forces of evil surrounding, but often some young person seems to lack true faith or the initiative it takes to keep them afloat, thus many do turn back. But here in Bible School, away from the world, we are given that opportunity we need to really find and know God and to grow in His service.

The effect of Bible School on my life reminds me of a man in an "old-time" snow storm. He ploughs along, head down, buffeted by the gale, glancing up now and then to steer his course by the house dimly seen in the distance through the flying snow. Directly ahead he sees a small tree. He pauses in the shelter it provides, straightens his shoulders, catches his breath and with a renewed determination and strength pushes on, envisioning in his mind the warm fire and welcoming arms awaiting him ahead.

I received the Holy Ghost a few months before school started. I felt very strongly the call of the Lord in my life, but through the many forces and circum-

stances surrounding me I found it difficult to become established and my faith was lacking greatly. I came to Bible School and of necessity a strong faith has been developed. I have come to know and trust my Savior deeply. I have paused in the shelter provided by Bible School and looking up to that high and shining God, I have received reconsecration, a firm establishment, and a deep and personal acquaintance with my Savior that will never leave me. I have learned to feed the fire burning in my soul with constant and unceasing prayer. I now have the eyes of my soul fixed eternally on Jesus Christ, with the everlasting determination to serve Him day and night with every energy I possess and every thought of my mind and soul. I do truly praise and thank Him for the way He has led and kept me.—Elsie Kile.

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### CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

#### Building on a Rock

E. B. NOEL

Text: Matt. 7:24

I think it very important today to know just how we are building, what we are building of, and what we are building on. All should be wise master-builders and build on the Rock of Ages; our eternal salvation all depends upon this very important thing.

I heard a story once of a company that had a job building a bridge across the Mississippi river. Of course that required some engineering skill, with lots of ability to oversee this great work. So, as the story goes, they began the work by digging. Naturally, that was the first thing necessary, after they had consulted their blueprints, to begin the work right. They began to put in the coffer dams so they could dig out in the river and by and by began dropping down and down until perhaps months had elapsed. One day the man at the bottom of the pit called for the superintendent to come to the phone. He told him they were now ready to begin pouring the concrete, that they had struck the rock. The superintendent told him to send him up a sample of the stone, and when he examined it he found it to be shale and not sufficiently sound to place so great a structure on as this great bridge, but told him to dig ahead. So they dug and dug, sending out this soft shale until it got harder and harder. Again one day the man at the bottom called the boss and said they had struck it at last and there was no doubt. The boss wanted to know what assurance he had and he said the fire was flying out of the tools every time they struck the stone. The boss said, "Come on out, that is sufficient."

Likewise, when we begin building, it

is necessary, after we have consulted the blueprint (Word of God), to begin digging. Of course the devil says when we get saved that that is enough, you can build right here, this is sufficient for any man to risk his soul on. Many sit right down there and soon the floods come, the winds begin to blow and they fall and great is the fall. They have just gotten to the shale and think they know as much about how to build as anybody. They want to start the structure here and don't want to bow down any longer. They say, "I am led of the Lord to quit right here and if He ever leads me any farther I will go ahead, for I want the Lord to give me all He has for me."

But the Lord, in His Word says, The sample you are sending tells me you are not deep enough, dig deeper. Some get right down again, begin digging and get sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God forever. When they get the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance, the fire begins to fall and there is no doubt, we are on the rock, a sure foundation, for that day will reveal it. So take heed how you build, what you are building of—wood, hay, stubble, or precious stones. Be the wise masterbuilder that dug down deep and builded his house on the solid rock.

### CELEBRATE 27TH BIRTHDAY

COCONUT GROVE, Fla. — The Church of God here was organized Feb. 12, 1911 with twelve charter members and three of them still survive. We celebrated the church's twenty-seventh birthday, Sunday, Feb. 13, with appropriate ceremonies and with each member giving an offering of twenty-seven cents. Our membership at present is eighty-four, with G. C. Hamby, as pastor.

We had no regular pastor until 1924. Since then our pastors have been Brothers Walter Whidden, H. B. Simmons, B. H. Harmon, H. L. Chesser, R. E. Drymon, M. M. Mortenson, F. M. Waldron, B. H. Sumner and G. C. Hamby. — J. W. Carey, clerk and deacon since 1912, 2547 S. Bayshore Drive.

### GOOD DISTRICT CONVENTION

CRICHTON, Ala.—The Mobile district convention was Brother Whittington's first district convention in the state. All churches were up one hundred per cent on all lines. Last year the district convention raised only about \$15.00 for missions. This year the mission offering was \$100.00. Brother Whittington has a great influence over the people here. Hundreds are looking toward the Church. Our people here have caught Brother Whittington's zeal.—Your brother, E. W. Wilson, convention clerk, Crichton, Ala.

# BRIEF REPORTS

## FROM THE FIELD

**BILLINGS, Mont.**—A Church of God is being erected in Billings, Mont. with Sister Katherine Blom as leader. We love our leader and the work is going forward to the glory of God.

We bought a schoolhouse, had it moved into Billings, and on a cement foundation on 30th St. and 5th Ave., S. We will have our state overseer, Brother M. L. Lowe, with us on Easter Sunday, April 17, and have our church dedicated, D. V. We are looking for a blessed day with the Lord on Easter Sunday and hope to meet with many Christian friends to enjoy their fellowship on this day. We thank all the members and those who have been so faithful in helping both in work and finance, and especially Brother Anton Waschek, who has spent so much time and labor, and we greatly appreciate our faithful pastor, who has put forth so much effort to help and encourage us to stand true.

We ask the Evangel readers to co-operate with us in your prayers.—A. H. Sexe, clerk, 401 S. 33rd St.

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**MORLEY, Tenn.**—Some time ago I sent in a request to the Evangel for help here for us at Morley. I have received thirteen letters and cards already from brothers and sisters offering their assistance, for which we are so thankful. Brother C. D. Foshee, district overseer of Jellico, Tenn. district, read my plea and came to see about us. We are about eight miles from Jellico. He promised to come and hold a revival for us as soon as he can. We must have help here, it is too bad for so many little boys and girls to be brought up without real Christian training. We want a clear and a pure religion and a real Church of God here and someone to watch over us to teach us and show us the right way. If Brother Foshee doesn't get to come and help us, I will write for some of the brothers and sisters to come. Everybody pray for us, and if anyone feels led to come, come on any time, for this is surely a needy place. People are starving for the true gospel. Sister Belle Black, if you see this, why can't you come and help us a little?—Mrs. Adam Davis.

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**BESSEMER CITY, N. C.**—God is blessing us in North Carolina. We praise Him for the way He has been with us since being at Bessemer City. Recently we closed a revival in which many souls were blessed. Brother A. L. Linhart did

the preaching for us in this revival. God blessed him in giving out the Word. We thank God and breathe a prayer for His blessings on those who so nobly rallied to our assistance during this revival.

The revival spirit is still with us. Two were reclaimed, one filled with the Holy Ghost, one saved and one sanctified Sunday in our regular services. We give God all the praise.

We are hoping to close a deal this week for some lots where we expect to begin a church building. Pray for us that God will continue to bless and we'll have the building up by the Assembly.

God is blessing in our Sunday School and Y. P. E. We are hoping to get one of the banners. Last week we organized a Junior Y. P. E. and feel that it is going to be a blessing to the church.

Anyone desiring to get in touch with me may write me here.—A sister in His service, Frances L. Dekle.

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We praise the Lord for victory today over sin. We also praise Him for the Evangel, it is so welcome when you are in new places. Our first revival after the Assembly was at Belmont, N. C., where Brother A. V. Childers is pastor. Thirty-five were saved and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Next we attended the North Carolina ministers' meeting at Kannapolis, which was one of the best we ever attended. From there we went to Milford, Del. and had a good revival with a goodly number praying through. Brother Newton Ward is pastor there.

Next we went to Easton, Md. where Brother Carl Milligan is pastor. We had a good revival there and a number found the Lord. They gained the state Sunday School banner last month. We then went to Cambridge, Md. Brother H. L. Sorrow is pastor. We are now in the midst of a great revival. Many are praying through. We appreciate our state overseer, Brother J. A. Muncy, he is busy over the state, spying out new places where he may open new work.

We desire the prayers of all that we may be a blessing as we go from place to place.—J. M. Snyder, home address, Box 863, Kannapolis, N. C.

People could receive at once many things they have been praying for for years if they would humble their hearts to receive them, and use them for Christ and His cause.

## REVIVALS

**CHILHOWIE, Va.**—The church here is moving on. We thank God for a man like our pastor, Brother Emmet Vaught. He is conducting a revival and in four weeks nineteen have been saved, three sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. My two brothers, one sister and I were some of the ones who were saved. Pray for us and all the family of God.—Robert P. Lowery.

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**STRINGTOWN, Ky.**—We have just had a revival at Stringtown. Twenty-two were saved, seventeen sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen came into the church and thirteen baptized March 13. Brother Arthur Workman did the preaching and the writer had the singing in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Pray for the church here.—Crandall Walker, Hardy, Ky.

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**GRANITEVILLE, S. C.**—We thank the Lord for the way He is still blessing. Our revival came to a close Feb. 6, Sister Vera Knight doing the preaching. Eight reported victory over sin, four were sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Many others were blessed because of the power of God which was in our midst. We desire an interest in your prayers.—Eugene Rhoden, pastor Earle Church of God.

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**PATETOWN, N. C.**—We thank God for the revival just closed here, conducted by Brother Tommie Whitehurst. There were five saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. Many got healed and the saints were built up and encouraged to press onward and upward. Pray for us here.—Your brother in Christ, A. L. Tutrell.

## Special!

There will be a special meeting of the Mission Board at Cleveland, Tenn., March 28 at 7:00 p. m., also 29th, in the Council Room.

Any matters to be submitted for the consideration of the Board will be addressed to Zeno C. Tharp, Secretary of the Mission Board, Bible Training School, Cleveland, Tenn.

Board of Directors for Bible Training School will meet in Cleveland on March 29 and 30, the closing dates for the Bible Training School. Meeting hour to be arranged.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.



## NOTICES

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saints from other churches to come be with us. We are hoping our state overseer will be with us. Everybody who can, bring a well-filled basket and we will have dinner on the ground. Let's pray much that God will have full charge of the services. Brother T. C. Wiggins, district overseer, will be in charge. Please pray for us.—E. J. Hanks, pastor, Galax, Va.

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I have a small gospel tent which I wish to use this summer in evangelistic work for the Church of God, going into the little out-of-the-way places where this glorious gospel is not preached in its fullness so much. There will be three in our party. Anyone living in a place where you need us and God wants us, if you know of an opening in a needy field please write us at once as we wish to get our work lined up for the coming season.—In His service, M. T. Ray, Barnardsville, N. C.

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We are in a revival at Saxton, Fla. Church of God, five miles from Starke, Fla. It began the last week in February, Sister Alberta Wiggins is doing the preaching. Pray that many souls will be won for Christ.—Chas. H. Shaw, pastor.

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The Church of God at Atlanta, Ga. will have a home coming day the first Sunday in April, the 3rd. We invite all the former pastors and all members who have moved away. We will have all-day service and dinner on the ground. All neighboring churches are invited. Everybody bring an offering for our new building. Brothers J. H. Walker, General Overseer, J. C. Jernigan, State Overseer, E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, S. W. Latimer, Editor and Publisher, Zeno C. Tharp, Superintendent of Education, Otis L. McCoy, Music Editor, and Sister Alda B. Harrison, Editor of the Lighted Pathway are expected to be with us.—W. T. Nelson, pastor.

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We are in a real revival at Blue Diamond with Brother L. A. Richard doing the preaching. God is surely blessing. Pray much for us that God will continue to bless and save souls.—Ancy Baker, clerk, Blue Diamond, Ky.

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There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Demorest, Ga. Sunday, March 27. We are expecting the Lavonia band to be here on that day. We invite our friends, brothers and sisters of neighboring churches to come and be with us. Bring a well-filled basket as we are expecting to have dinner on the ground.—I. N. Rich, pastor, Demorest, Ga.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Sister Vallie Parker, please let me know at once. Pray for my husband to be healed and saved. Also pray for me to obey the Lord, the Lord is calling me out into His work and I want to obey His call.—Mattie Lowery, Rt. 1, Deatsville, Ala.

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The Erwin and Wilmington, N. C. districts convention convenes April 29-May 1. The convention was announced for an earlier date but the school was closed because of measles so it was postponed. All pastors and church officials are expected to be here. Everybody is invited to come. Brother Williams, state overseer, will be here. Those who come for Sunday service, please bring a full basket as there will be dinner on the ground. Come on folks, Brother Durden and your people of Wilmington, come, you are welcome and we are expecting you.—E. E. Winters, district pastor.

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The North Carolina state Y. P. E. banner goes to Mt. Airy with an increase of 300 1-2 per cent; Rocky Mount is second with 300 1-26 per cent. This is real close to a tie. I appreciate the good reports this month. Come on, North Carolina Y. P. E's, let's work for the national banner.—Your brother, E. E. Winters, state Y. P. E. president.

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The district convention of the St. Joseph, Mo. district will convene at the Church of God, 2001 N. M., St. Joseph, Mo., April 8-10. We are expecting our state officials—Brother H. L. Marcum, state overseer, and Brother R. E. Worley, state president of Y. P. E. and state superintendent of Sunday School, with all our ministers on the district and other visiting ministers. Pastors, try to have your aged ministers' and mission quota and 25c per member for the state tent all raised.—T. J. Milligan, district overseer.

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The Double Springs, Ala. district convention will convene at the Helicon Church of God, April 29-May 1. Everybody has a hearty welcome. Come one and all. We will have all-day service Saturday and dinner on the ground. Come bring a well-filled basket. We are looking for the greatest convention ever held on this district.—G. W. Padgett, district pastor, Double Springs, Ala., Rt. 3.

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On April 17 we will have home coming day at New Georgia Church of God. Everybody is invited. We will have all-day service and dinner on the ground. Come enjoy the good blessings of the Lord. Bring a well-filled basket. Remember you have a hearty welcome.—G. W. Padgett, pastor and district pastor, Addison, Ala.

We are in a wonderful revival here in Riviera, Fla. The Lord is surely with us. Praise the Lord. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless.—Sister Mary Lee Wells, Riviera, Fla.

## State Conventions

May 9-15—Florida (Colored Assembly), Jacksonville, Fla.  
May 5-8—Indiana.  
May 12-15—Iowa.  
May 19-22—Missouri.  
May 16-20—Ohio.  
May 26-29—North Carolina.  
May 26-29—Arkansas.  
June 2-5—South Carolina.  
June 9-12—Virginia.  
June 9-12—Florida.  
June 16-19—Mississippi.  
June 16-19—West Virginia.  
June 23-26—Minnesota.  
June 23-26—Michigan, Lake Odessa.  
June 28-July 4—North Dakota.  
June 30-July 3—Tennessee.  
July 7-10—New Mexico.  
July 7-10—Maryland.  
July 14-17—Oklahoma.  
July 14-17—Georgia.  
July 21-24—Kansas.  
July 21-24—Alabama.  
July 28-31—Texas.  
July 28-31—Kentucky.  
August 4-7—Pennsylvania.  
August 4-7—Louisiana.  
August 11-14—Maine.

BASTIAN, Va.—A revival just closed here at Bastian with twenty-six saved, twelve sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-seven added to the church. We believe many are looking this way. Brother G. L. Berry, our pastor did the preaching. We thank God for our new church building, also for our good pastor and his wife. Pray much for the church here that we will be faithful and work together for the benefit of lost souls.—Maude Colley, clerk.

## Request

I am sick and I ask you to pray for me. I went to the doctor and he said I had mind trouble and I could not recover. I believe that Jesus is all who can bring my mind back so please pray that I may be healed and saved.—Ruth Walker, Bunker's Hill, Trelawny, British West Indies.

If we would learn things from the great Teacher we must be humble enough to let Him teach us through our brethren if He desires to do so. Is isn't the method or instrument used that should concern us, but the LEARNING.

## REVIVALS

**VALDESE, N. C.**—God is still blessing at Valdese in a wonderful way. We have just closed a revival with many souls blessed and the church greatly encouraged. Brother William Stalling, our district pastor, did the preaching. We also praise God for our good pastor, Brother J. T. Stallings, and his family. We believe he is in the center of God's will and believe the church is going by leaps and bounds. Pray for us at Valdese, also remember my sister who is in the hospital.—Your sister in Christ, Mattie Roberson, clerk.

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**GREENWOOD, S. C.**—We have just closed one of the most successful revivals we have ever had. Seventy-five were saved, fifty sanctified, thirty-five baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-three added to the church and the revival closed with around thirty in the altar. The Greenwood district convention convened Feb. 25-27. God was with us in a wonderful way. Every speaker seemed to be at his best for God and good reports came in from all the churches on the district; \$25.00 was raised for missions; \$16.40 for the orphanage. To say God was with us would be putting it mild. Brother Robert Johnson, our state superintendent, had charge of the young people's department Sunday afternoon. God also blessed in their program. Brother Beaubé, our esteemed state overseer, had charge of the district convention. The preaching was done in the revival by Brother John C. Padgett the first week and Brother J. C. Childers the second and third week. Pray for us.—C. E. McAbee, district pastor, 308 Parker St., Greenwood, S. C.

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**ALTOONA, Ala.**—Truly we praise the Lord for the old-time Pentecostal power which brings old-time salvation. Brother Ead Holloway just closed a three weeks' meeting at Mt. Zion Church of God with three saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and all the saints encouraged to press on. Pray that God will continue to bless our church here and many souls will be brought into the fold.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. A. V. Coker.

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**ERWIN, Tenn.**—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here. Many said it was the best revival in several years. Brother L. J. Stone of Shooting Creek, N. C. did the preaching. He did some wonderful preaching and everybody enjoyed his messages. There was much good done. Twenty testified to being saved,

eleven sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and sixteen added to the church. The entire church seems to be encouraged and more zealous to move on. Brother Stone was accompanied by Brother Lindsey Coggins, whom we appreciate. We have an interesting Sunday School; the attendance has been good through the winter and is increasing. We had 140 last Sunday in attendance. Our Y. P. E. is also moving on. Our young people are willing workers and it is growing in membership. Remember us when you pray.—Geo. E. Bailey, pastor.

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**OFFERMAN, Ga.**—I am glad to report the two weeks' revival which has just closed conducted by Brother Frank Smith in which seven were saved, six sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints greatly revived.—O. V. Brown, pastor.

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**BYINGTON, Tenn.**—The Church of God at Providence is still on the upward march. A two weeks' revival has just closed here. Our pastor, Brother J. R. Henderson, was in charge. We had good attendance and good preaching. Brother P. W. Myers was also with us a few nights and brought us some good messages. We enjoyed having him with us. Several came to the altar for prayer and one was sanctified. This is a needy field, there are many souls here who need salvation. Pray for this place. The good seed have been sown and Isaiah tells us, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." We truly believe that we shall reap in due season if we faint not.—Mrs. Chastaine Norman, clerk.

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**BRUNSWICK, Ga.**—We thank God for the good revival He has given us here in Brunswick. It ran four weeks. Brother J. L. McCoy was in charge. Sixteen were saved, thirteen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost and thirteen added to the church and the church was greatly revived. We are making wonderful progress in the Lord here. We are up on all lines and are paying more tithes than ever before. We are going over the top this year if God permits. We will soon put an addition to the church to take care of the increasing crowds. We had an old-time communion service and feet washing last night and there was more interest manifested than in any service in a long time. The Holy Ghost certainly honored us with His presence.—W. L. Sumner, clerk.

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**CARLISLE, Pa.**—I am glad to report the good revival held over here in Carlisle, Pa. It was started Dec. 18, 1937.

Twenty-six have been saved, twenty sanctified and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. The house is crowded every night, we are searching and praying for a larger building and are expecting to have the church put in order as soon as we get the building. We are starting Sunday School as soon as we get literature and Y. P. E. the first week in March. D. V. Pray much for me, my body is weakening, I have been fasting much but, praise God, He is answering prayer. Eight and ten souls are slayed under the power of God at one time. It thrills my soul when souls are crying out for salvation and more power. Praise God, it surely is like years ago when I would see souls screaming to God. Pray for me as I need the prayers of God's children as the enemy has been afflicting my nerves and body. Brother Rouse prayed for me at the Assembly but I need the healing touch again. At times I feel strong. Saints, continue to pray for us.—Yours in the Master's service, Mrs. Margaret Helman, evangelist.

### The Many Fiery Trials

Thank God for victory in my soul. I'm trying to live the life for my blessed Lord here in the Veterans CCC Camp, and we know God has said in His holy Word His grace was sufficient for us. I'm standing on His promises, pressing on for my blessed Redeemer. I have had the full blessing twelve years this coming spring, and the way grows brighter and sweeter to me every day as I press along. My desire is to see others get this wonderful experience. I believe His soon coming is drawing nigh. I love the Church of God and its teachings, the good love and fellowship of the dear saints.

Those of you whom I have been with in the past, please think of me when you pray. If I should never see you any more on earth, I hope to meet you in heaven. With love remember me.—Boyd G. Berrong, CCC Veterans' Camp F12, 2417 Margret, Ga. Home address, Hayesville, N. C.

### Why Not Launch Out and Trust God?

**YORK, S. C.**—I thank everyone who prayed for my unspoken requests. Praise God! Some of them have already been answered.

One sister had a child very sick with pneumonia. Some said it would never live, but some of the brothers and sisters kept on praying. I felt led to anoint a cloth for that baby. I went on home, anointed the cloth in Jesus' name, carried it over and the baby's mother laid it on. Praise God, the baby began to get better. Our prayers were answered.—Mrs. Cleo Montgomery, House 7, Cannon Mill.

## Conventions

### Montgomery, Ala. District Convention

Montgomery district, the smallest in the state of Alabama, has just concluded one of the best conventions ever had in the history of the district. God set His seal of approval on the convention in the first service and the sweetest spirit of unity prevailed throughout the whole meeting, that one most ever experienced.

On Saturday, March 5, we had a nice crowd from the country churches and what a time of rejoicing we did have. The Henderson Sisters Quartet and Brother Harry Kutz favored us with numerous musical selections which were enjoyed by all. Each pastor then gave in his report. We all enjoyed a sumptuous feast prepared by the ladies of the church and had a good afternoon session.

Saturday night the house was full of people and three good messages were heard. Many folks from other holiness bodies were with us throughout the convention and each one expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the way God was working in the Church. The last session and the most glorious of them all was the Sunday morning session. My, my, my, how God did bless and feed our souls! Saints rejoiced, shouted and danced, while those who were away from God looked on with hungry hearts. Our beloved overseer, H. L. Whittington, brought us a great message, and also recounted to us some of his experiences in the foreign fields. It was in this service that God gave us the \$50.00 we were so anxious to get for the mission work. How we did praise God for this offering, for many thought that it couldn't be done, but hallelujah! our God is not a God of circumstances. Truly this was a great convention and we feel will mean much to the district in the future.—James L. Slay, Jr., convention secretary.

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### Tuscaloosa, Ala. Dist. Conv'n.

Another Alabama district goes over the top in all Assembly teachings and requirements. All of the churches in the Tuscaloosa district were 100 per cent in their requirements and pledges. God's approval was on the convention from the very outset. Saints were stirred and uplifted as they enjoyed the sweet presence of the Lord and listened to the inspiring messages delivered by our dear overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, and other ministers.

It began Tuesday night, March 1, and

closed the following night with a crown of glory. A wonderful mission offering of \$50.00 was raised. Since this is a small district of only three little country churches, we feel that God was of a truth in the offering. Each of the churches reported substantial gains in several respects.

Good singing was enjoyed during the convention, this being rendered by quartets and trios from Buhl, Coda and Pratt City. The altar was filled with hungry souls, and one young man wept his way thru to complete victory, getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost on the first night of the convention. Nine subscriptions to the Evangel were also received.

The same sweet spirit that was present all during the meeting prevailed to the end and we feel that all went to their respective homes and churches with new zeal to "keep on keeping on."—James L. Slay, Jr., convention secretary.

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### California, Arizona, Nevada Convention

The California, Arizona and Nevada convention was held in Huntington Beach, Calif., Jan. 21-23, in the new Memorial Auditorium donated to us for the convention. It was well attended with delegates from each state and church. The Lord certainly blessed. Brother John E. Douglas, overseer, was in charge. We thank the Lord for the visiting ministers and the sermons the Lord helped them to preach. As they preached, inspired and unctionized by the mighty anointing power of the Holy Ghost, we could say, Surely this the Lord's banqueting house and His banner over us is love.

The preaching was done by Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, Brother V. B. Rains of Jal. N. Mex., Brother and Sister S. J. Wood of New Mexico, Brother Herman Williams of Bisbee, Ariz., and Brother I. L. Bengé of Baldwin Park, Calif., Sister Callie Everts of Talon, Nev., Brother John Sharp of Long Beach, Calif.

Brother Martin Rohrig, state Y. P. E. president, had charge of the Y. P. E. program. There must have been 200 young people present. Eight years ago there were only five or six. Brother Biederbach and Sister Rohrig made talks on Sunday School Sunday morning. They were enjoyed. Sunday afternoon Brother Johnson conducted a healing service, also a mission offering of around \$200.00 was taken. Arizona gave a dollar a member. Sunday evening there were about fifty preachers on the platform. Brother Douglas tried to give them all a chance to speak but there wasn't time for all. Brother Johnson's last sermon on Sunday

night was a doctrinal sermon and the people shouted and praised the Lord. Opportunity was given for membership and three new members joined the church. The convention closed but the effects are still in evidence.—Hilton Vail, Box 181, Imperial, Calif.

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### Nebraska State Convention

I am very grateful for the many promises of God to His children that we find recorded in His Word. In all circumstances and under all conditions there is a promise on which one can stand and claim the needed benefits.

One precious promise is the one found in Matt. 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This was certainly proven true in the Nebraska state convention at Omaha.

The convention began Friday morning, Feb. 11, with the state overseer, Brother James Cross, in charge and a small crowd present. We were delighted to have Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, with us, and he seemed especially anointed for the occasion. "Preach the Word" was the foundation of each of his messages during the convention. Each one showed forth the depth, the truth, the beauty and the blessing of the Word. There is nothing so encouraging, so uplifting, and strengthening to the soul as the Word given out under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Brother Johnson preached six times while with us and I am sure each message and the manner in which it was delivered will be a lasting memory to those who had the wonderful privilege of enjoying them.

Other speakers during the convention were Brother Thomas, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God in Omaha; Brother Holland, Brother Phillips of Omaha and Sister Carrie Butler of Iowa.

Brother Willie Goins and others were also with us. They rendered several special songs and musical selections, which were enjoyed and appreciated by all. We hated to see the time come for the last service, Sunday evening. We feel assured that this convention has been a blessing to the work in this state. At each service we were highly honored by the presence of Him who said that where two or three were gathered together in His name, He would be present. Praise the Lord for this wonderful meeting.

The work in this state is very small, the need great and laborers few. One cannot realize the need, not only in this state, but in all these new fields, the conditions under which the overseers and workers are laboring unless they have contacted same. We are thankful for a church, for a body of men, that we feel

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## Requests

Pray that I will live for the Lord regardless of temptations. Also pray for my children to be healed of colds.—Sister Maggie Lazarus, Apopka, Fla.

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Please pray for my daughter, she has salvation and belongs to the Church of God. Her husband doesn't believe in the church and she has a hard time. Pray for her and for him to see the light before it is too late. Pray for my unsaved children. Pray that my husband and I will be faithful to the end.—Mrs. E. C. Dedge, Haylow, Ga.

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Please have a special prayer for two unspoken requests. My brother is slowly gaining strength but is sorely in need of prayer. Please pray for him.—Margaret Caruthers, Rt. 2, c/o S. A. Webb, Brooksville, Fla.

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I have just been operated on for appendicitis and ask the prayers of the Christian people that God will bring me safely through.—Fred McWhorter, Heflin, Ala.

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Christian friends, please pray for me, I am unsaved and want salvation. I want religion that I can know about and go all the way with my Lord. Please help me to pray through.—Annie Conner, Rt. 1, Box 38, Warrenton, N. C.

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Please pray a special prayer for my mother, Mrs. V. J. Miller, Smith, W. Va. She has been sick all winter with something like the flu. Pray that God will undertake and heal her.—Mrs. Dora Ferrell.

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Please pray earnestly for the healing of myself and my family. Our little girl has missed three weeks of school. The nurse sent her home and has come to see her twice and wants us to doctor her. The officer came yesterday and threatened us with the law. Please pray that we can stand the test.—Humbly, Lawson Culpepper, 2021 N. 12th Ave., Pensacola, Fla.

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Please pray for my body, it is in a bad condition, especially my left side even to my foot. I can't keep it warm and it gives out if I walk very much.—W. G. Rembert, 140 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.

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Please pray a special prayer for my husband, he has some ribs broken and is in a bad condition and requests your prayers. An anointed cloth will be ap-

preciated. Brother Rouse, please pray for me, also pray for me and our children.—Mrs. Felton Johns, Millwood, Ga.

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This is a needy field for the gospel, it is a big country—all white people. I am praying for God to send some one here for the saving of those poor lost souls. If anyone feels led to come to this place, you will find the doors open to the home of my brother-in-law, H. R. Estredges. Please pray for my sister's baby, he is ruptured. Also pray for my baby, she has the measles. Pray that my other children won't take them. Pray that God will provide a way for us to be in service and that we will be ready when He comes or calls.

Brother L. T. Bolan and his wife held a revival in December near Duncan, Miss. near the Sunflower Consolidated School.—Frances Waddell, Marks, Miss.

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Please pray for our baby as it has been sick with cold.—Loran and Eva Hall, Branford, Fla.

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Please pray for my healing, I have been a cripple since I was one year old caused from infantile paralysis. I praise God for everything He has done for me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. Pray for our pastor, Brother Duncan, and pray for the sinners of this town.—Aaron Cole, Wapato, Wash.

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Please pray a special prayer for my little brother-in-law who is afflicted and now has something seriously wrong with his left arm. Brother Rouse, please pray for him. Pray that God will heal him and his father and mother will see the light on the Church of God. Pray for me. I also have a very special request, God knows all about it.—Lessie Curry, Nokomis, Fla.

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Please pray for me to be faithful. I've just received the Holy Ghost. Also pray for my unsaved husband that he might be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. Arvie Lee Forrow, Oak Grove, La.

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We thank the Lord for the way He blessed in our district convention. Our good state overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, was with us. He surely did encourage us to go on. Please pray for me to get a way to go to Bible School next term. I know He can supply my needs. I have no father here to send me as he has gone on but my heavenly Father is rich and I know He can fix a way for me. We thank God for Brother Murray, he has our church built back. Don't forget to pray for mother and me.—Mary McCall, Crichton, Ala.

Please pray for my mother to be healed, she has to stay in bed most of the time and when she is up it is dangerous for her to be by herself. She falls out and doesn't know anything for two or three days. Please pray a special prayer for her. Her name is Mrs. Bessie E. Scruggs. Also pray for me that I might be healed of nervousness.—Humbly, Mrs. Gracie Bates, Smithdale, Miss.

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I am in a good revival near Meadville, Miss. People are looking this way. Pray that the Lord will give me souls for my labor.—Your humble brother, Julius Hammack, evangelist, Meadville, Miss.

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Dear saints, will you please pray for me? I am in an awful condition and want God to undertake for me. I have read a little of your paper and received many good blessings. Pray for God to move a heavy burden and loose wicked yokes from my soul and body. I need more faith.—A sister, Marsie Sullivan, Rt. 6, Louisville, Miss.

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Please pray for me, I am saved but would like to get nearer to the Lord. I have had sick spells all my life. Please pray that the Lord will heal me. I also have a few unspoken requests, pray much for them and for the healing of my body.—Mrs. Myron Sherman, Box 463, Fayetteville, N. C.

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I just returned from our district convention and had a wonderful time. I am pastoring at Beasleys Chapel. Our revival started last night with Brother J. B. Baney in charge. Please pray that it will be a success.—Your brother, O. D. Springer, Rt. 1, Ripley, Tenn.

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I earnestly request prayer of the saints for our son who is a sinner. He decided he would change his life but I feel like he has been driven away from the Church of God and he doesn't believe in any other. He has started drinking. Sometimes he tells me to pray for him, other times he says not to worry or pray anymore. I am sure our many friends in Kentucky will be glad to help us pray.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. B. M. Lane, Elizabethton, Tenn.

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Dear saints, I have a fluttering heart, sometimes it seems it will flutter out of my body. Pray that God will heal me, and pray for the family with whom I stay. Pray for the lady who is sick that she will be healed and see the light, also that the whole family will see the light. Pray that God will show me what he has for me to do. Pray for my son who is out in sin. I also have an unspoken request, please pray earnestly for it. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide

work for me, as I am all alone and have to work. My present address is Rt. A, Box 67, Athens, Ga., my home address is 716 E. Swanney St., Fitzgerald, Ga.—Sister Nora Shepherd.

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Please pray for us here in this valley, the devil is surely working. At this writing everything looks blue but the Lord is able to remove everything. Please pray for us, especially you folks at Copperhill, Tenn. and Culberson, N. C.—Mrs. Mae Johnson, Mount Hebron, Calif.

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Please pray for T. F. Dalton, he got hurt in the coal mines. Also pray for Sarah Thurman that she will be healed of heart trouble.—W. R. Dalton.

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Dear saints, please pray earnestly for the healing of Sister M. E. Pederson's mother of Billings, Mont., who is painfully ill with sciatic rheumatism. Also pray for Mr. George F. Owen whose health is very delicate, and pray that He will heal my head of a peculiar trouble and grant all unspoken requests.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

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Please pray earnestly for me. I am not satisfied with my experience. The devil presents so many doubts and I feel so distressed at times. Pray that my whole family and my father's family will be saved.—Mrs. M. E. Dail, Tarboro, N. C., Gen. Del.

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Please pray a special prayer for my five-month-old baby. The doctors say she can't get well. They have taken five X-rays of her head and find that the inner lining around her brain is shrinking and drying up. This causes her to have hard convulsions. They have had her in the hospital twice and say they can't do her any good. Brother Rouse, please pray for her.—Sister Leona Guy, 1107 Douglas St., St. Joseph, Mo.

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Dear saints, please pray for me that the Lord will heal me of neuritis in my arms and back. Also pray for my sons, who have backslidden, that God will bring them back. Pray for the Church of God at Estatoe, N. C., it is on the drag and has been for a long time. If God doesn't undertake it will go down. Please pray for my family and for our pastor and his wife.—Sister Maggie Smith, Spruce Pine, N. C.

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Please pray that the Lord will undertake and heal Sister Lunsford's body. She is in a very bad condition and is so discouraged. Pray for me that I will have a closer walk with Jesus and be an overcomer for Him. Also pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost, and

pray a special prayer for my unsaved loved ones. My mother has been called to do a work, pray that a way will be opened and that she will be willing.—Edith Davis, Frostproof, Fla.

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Dear saints, I don't have the victory as I should, please pray a special prayer for me to have victory. Brother Rouse, pray for me and my family. I am the only Church of God member in this community and sometimes I almost give up. My family is all unsaved. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Brother and Sister Wm. R. Fowler, please send their address to me. How I wish we could have a real Church of God revival at this place.—Mrs. Fannie Hubbard, Rt. 1, Burnsville, Miss.

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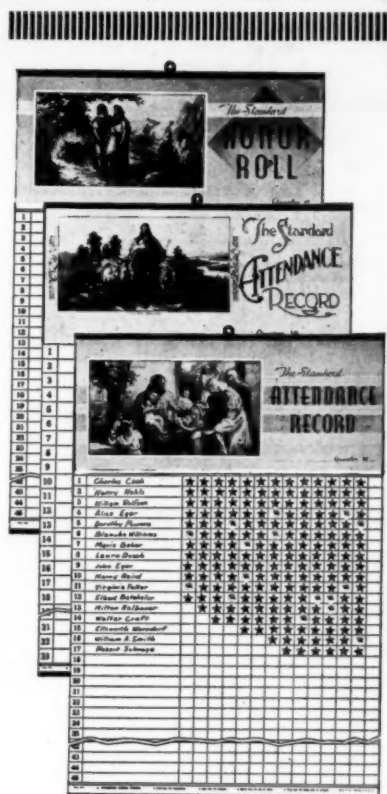
Dear saints, please pray for my grandmother, Mrs. Annie Mason. She is a member of the Church of God at Bald Knob, Ark. She has been sick for over a year. Pray for my husband, brothers and sisters to get the Holy Ghost. Also pray for my daddy and mother, he is pastor at Higden, Ark. Pray for Sister Lula Milam, she is in a revival at Imperial, Calif.—Mrs. Zelda Lester, 530 D. St., Brawley, Calif.

### The Enemy Goes Only So Far

CHARLESTON, Miss.—I am happy to report victory in my soul. I have the Holy Ghost and the power of God to keep me from falling. God at different times healed my leg and I promised to honor Him. I have many trials and feel like at times that I might as well give up, but God always shows a way to escape temptations if we will only heed His voice. I want to encourage others to hold on to God for the enemy can go only so far. "If we suffer with him we shall also reign with Him." Saints that have a Christian home with someone to pray and work with for God know not how to appreciate it.

My little girl nearly three years old died in November and my heart is sad and lonely; without God's love I don't think I could bear it, but want to meet her in glory. I need the prayers of all that God will give me grace to meet every test. I want a deeper experience, a closer walk with God, also for God to heal my body.

Pray for my father-in-law who is over eighty years old that he will be saved and healed. He is in bed now. Pray for their material needs also. Pray for our W. W. B. just organized, for our Y.P.E., Sunday School and church. Pray for my unsaved husband to turn to God before it is too late. Letters of encouragement will be appreciated.—Yours in His love, Mrs. Ora Robinson, Rt. 1, Box 26.



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## Obituaries

### WIGGINS

Mrs. Avline Wiggins was born Feb. 15, 1862 and deceased this life March 6, 1938, age seventy-seven years, seven months and nine days. She is the mother of Brother T. C. Wiggins, pastor of the Church of God at Gaylack, Va. The funeral was conducted by Brother Baker of High Shoals Baptist church and the remains were laid to rest in the Bison City, N. C. cemetery.—One who knew her, T. J. Looney, pastor, High Shoals, N. C.

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### GORDY

James Riley Gordy departed this life Jan. 20, 1938 at the age of thirty-one years. He said he was ready to go and the Holy Ghost witnessed to bear record of same. Funeral services were conducted by W. M. Rumler and interment was made in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. cemetery.—His sister, Mrs. D. J. Cupp.

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### BARTON

Little J. H. Barton was born Nov. 10, 1936 and died March 3, 1938, a little less than sixteen months of age, but knew what suffering was, however young. They were formerly of Otter Creek, Fla. but came to Jasper and departed his life at his grandmother's home. Interment was made in the Hebron cemetery by the writer.—D. J. Cupp.

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### PARSON

Sister Mary Parson died Jan. 1, 1938. She was a loyal member of the Church of God for sixteen years. She said she was ready to go.—One who loved her, Mrs. Dicie Burt, Fitzgerald, Ga.

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### ROBINS

Sister Robert Robins of New York departed this life Jan. 21, 1938. The funeral services were held in Hattiesburg, Miss., where she was a member of the Church of God, by Brother D. W. Mills, pastor. Mrs. Robins will be remembered as Sister Vaneta McMichael of Hattiesburg.—A friend who loved her, Mrs. Eugene Anderson, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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### SIMS

Brother Leslie Sims of Cleveland, Miss. left this world to be with Jesus on Jan. 23, 1938, at the age of thirty-four years. He was a member and deacon of the Church of God at Josephs Chapel, Miss. Just a few hours before he died he got up out of bed under the mighty power of God and shouted all over the room and preached a soul-stirring sermon that will

never be forgotten in this community. Many were blessed and some saved. We thank God for his victorious and triumphant victory in his dying hour. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and Brother Harvell and his body laid to rest in the new Cleveland cemetery.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Mary L. Tidwell, Richey, Miss.

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### RICHARDSON

Little Jo Ann Richardson, daughter of Paul and Hettie Ellen Richardson, was born Feb. 20, 1937 and departed this life Jan. 23, 1938, at the age of eleven months and three days. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Church of God in Harlan, Ky., and burial was in the Rest Haven cemetery. The parents have our heartfelt sympathy.—T. A. Richard, Harlan, Ky.

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### POOLE

Mrs. Edna Lillian Poole was born April 27, 1910 and departed this life Feb. 26, 1938, age twenty-seven years, nine months, and twenty-nine days. Sister Poole was a member of the Church of God at Marion, N. C. and took an active part in all church work. With unflinching trust in God she faced death and eternity without a fear or a doubt.—Written by M. T. Ray, Barnardsville, N. C.

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### KINCAID

On March 2, 1938 death came unexpectedly into the home of Sister Fannie Kincaid and took her beloved companion, Brother John Kincaid. Brother Kincaid was fifty-five years old. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Brother Johnson Newton, and Brother L. A. Richard and interment was made in the Alais cemetery. The entire bereaved family have the sympathy of this community.—A friend who loved them, Ancy Baker, Blue Diamond, Ky.

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### CRIBB

Sister Sarah V. Cribb was born July 10, 1857 and departed this life Feb. 23, 1938. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Brother B. E. Chessser, assisted by Brothers W. L. Kerce and J. I. Baldree and her body laid to rest in the Cross City cemetery.—One who loved her, Mrs. B. E. Chessser, Horseshoe, Fla.

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### IVANS

On March 2, 1938 the dear Lord called our beloved Sister Mary S. Ivans, wife of Brother Shermon Ivans, to be with Him. She was forty-six years, eleven months and twenty days of age. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. W. Riggs and her body was laid to rest in the new

cemetery at Greenville, N. C. Pray for her family.—Her pastor, B. G. Pomroy, 1806 Dickerson Ave., Greenville, N. C.

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### LANE

Brother Luther W. Lane was born Feb. 5, 1876 and passed away March 4, 1938, age sixty-two years, and twenty-seven days. He united with the Church of God in 1920, later becoming a licensed minister, and was a pioneer minister in southern Missouri. The funeral services were held at the cemetery near Broseley, Mo. by Brother B. W. Elliott, pastor at Big Island, Mo. The Church of God has lost a faithful minister.—B. W. Elliott.

## CONVENTIONS

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are doing their best to advance the cause of the Lord in these new states. We should not forget to pray for our general officials and also for the overseers of new fields, that God will give them courage, strength and wisdom to cope with the existing situation.

May this be the best year for the Church everywhere.—Alva Mae McClure, Wymore, Neb.

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### Crockett, Tex. Dist. Conv'n.

The Crockett, Tex. district convention convened at Trinity Feb. 4-6 with Brother Wm. R. Fowler, our pastor and district overseer, in charge. We had with us our beloved state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, and a number of visitors from other districts besides the people of our own district, and we were glad to have them all.

Friday night service closed with a good spirit of fellowship that lasted throughout the convention. Saturday services were good. We had a wonderful evening service. Surely God is pleased when His people come together like this to praise and honor Him. We had special singing during the convention which all enjoyed. We also enjoyed the wonderful messages brought by our ministers.

Sunday morning service was given to an inspiring talk on Sunday School by Brother Fowler. Brother Scoggins brought the eleven o'clock message which was both convicting and encouraging. An offering was taken for missions and dinner was spread. The afternoon service was good. We appreciate the young people who rendered service in making this convention a success. The convention came to a close with a healing service and the glory of God came down in a wonderful way. God is still with us and we had a wonderful service Sunday night.—Mrs. R. L. Reeves, Trinity, Tex.



# EDITORIALS

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from the outward appearance but God judgeth from the heart. God said to Abraham, "Walk before me and be thou perfect." He did not say, Walk before the world, or that the world would even consider him perfect. Abraham could be perfect after God's ideal of perfection but he was criticized by his fellowman.

We place the mark too high when we insist that it places the possessor above the possibilities of being tempted. That holy beings have been tempted the Bible clearly affirms. Why God permits the severe trials will have to be left entirely to His fatherly care of each one of us. The angels kept not their first estate, and our foreparents fell, but God has made it possible for us to live before Him in righteousness and true holiness all the days of our lives. Luke 1:74, 75; Eph. 1:3, 4.

Heb. 4:14, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession." If Jesus could be tempted in all points like as we then we need not be afraid in trial and temptation. So to be holy or sanctified does not place us above the mark of temptation.

We place the mark too high when we insist that if attained its possessor can never fall. The question has often been asked, How can one fall in whom is no sin? We may not be able to answer the question satisfactorily, nevertheless the fact meets us that such events have transpired, holy beings have sinned, and what has been may be again.

Entire sanctification does not make men impeccable, as the theologians would say; that is, render them incapable of sinning. They are still exposed to all the dangers of human probation, free to stand, but at the same time liable to fall. To be saved from all sin will surely make it more certain that we shall not fall. To have all our foes on the outside is more safe than to have them both within and without. Salvation is by faith, from first to last, and he who stands at all must stand by faith.

Having considered this side of the question we will not consider the opposite. We place the mark too low when we make it to consist simply in freedom from committing sin. We find that the Bible says that he that committeth sin is of the devil while he that is born of God doth not commit sin. In this the one sins and the other does not. Freedom from committing sins belongs to the justified believer. No man can commit sin and retain his experience of being born again. This, of course, is too low

an experience for those who are born again, to say nothing of the sanctified.

We place it too low again when we make it to consist simply in freedom from condemnation. Some think that if they can live above feeling condemned they are all right, but we feel that there should be a greater experience than just merely living above condemnation. Those who are wholly sanctified should have a higher experience. This is the lowest experience in holiness. There is therefore now no condemnation to them, says Paul, that are in Christ Jesus, and those who are in Christ Jesus, should not feel condemned. No man can feel his entire acceptance with God and feel condemned at the same time. It is stated that condemnation comes of wilful sins or wilful neglect of duty. Actual sins separate the soul from God so that no man can manifest his justification who is not saved from committing sin. Conversion and the new birth is no inferior work. It is a change so great as to be called a new creature. So holiness certainly would not take on as low a standard as condemnation. We should not look too high on the one hand nor too low on the other.

We shall seek in the following issues to bring out the thought of sanctification as an instantaneous work, the eradication of the old man.

## HERE, THERE AND ELSEWHERE

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lands of Arkansas to the mountains of

### KENTUCKY

to be with Brother McClendon in their conference. As you possibly know, the world thinks of Kentucky as the home of beautiful women and fast horses, but we have come to know it as one of the strongholds of the Church of God for truly the Church of God and its teachings have a strong hold on some as fine ministers and laymen as can be found any place, and these fine ministers and workers are joining their state overseer with both their good will and finance as well as labor, in seeing that Kentucky has a program that will command the respect and admiration of the entire Church. However, Kentucky has not cornered on all that is good, for you should have dropped down to the

### MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

with Brother Walker and myself and enjoyed listening in on Brother Godwin and his co-workers as they discussed and considered many important items of business out of which they adopted as progressive and comprehensive program as any of the other states, and possibly better than some. This conference was one of the old-time kind where laymen

as well as ministers were interested, and why not? for if their program is to be carried out it will be done through the faithful co-operation of the laity. My, how God did pour out His Spirit, and what a blessing to hear Brother Walker and other Spirit-anointed ministers preach.

### TENNESSEE

was next on the list. One cannot appreciate the fine ministerial body of Tennessee until he becomes personally acquainted and has the privilege of being associated with them in their work. We could expect nothing short of a well-balanced program from a conference of such a fine body of godly, consecrated workers. While Brother Cross has been hindered some on account of his health, yet his heart is in the work and the ministers and workers are with him and prospects are that Tennessee will have the best year in its history. From Tennessee I caught the train for

### INDIANA

The conference was held at Shelburn, and this was the biggest little meeting. State lines have nothing to do with Church of God fellowship, for that fellowship has one and only foundation and that is THE LOVE OF GOD, and truly there was positive evidence of His love being with us from the opening service to the last amen. The attendance was not so large as in some other states on account of the membership being small, but whether by few or many, when God does the work it is done well, and He works by His Spirit through different ones to the blessing of all present. Such a blessed mission spirit and such blessed response! Keep your eyes on Indiana's state convention. It was farewell Indiana and how do you do,

### NORTH CAROLINA?

North Carolina being one of the leading states, with many of the leading ministers as well as great and heavy responsibilities, is blessed with a good state overseer who had called several of the bishops to meet a day ahead of the conference to consider recommendations for this meeting. This was one of the outstanding conferences of the year, and the chief attraction was the spirit of the meeting. Everyone seemed anxious to be of one accord and due consideration was given to each item of business. Brother Williams was at his best in moderating and of course good moderation adds much to the success of a meeting of this nature. If a spirit of unity, zeal and optimism is a good sign, then you may look for good reports from the tar-heel state.

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